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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Marcos de Albuquerque
CONTRUCCI et al.

Application No.: 09/892,654

Filed: June 28, 2001

For: EQUIPMENT FOR DISTRIBUTION AND
FEEDING OF CHARGE AND FUEL IN
SHAFT FURNACES OF RECTANGULAR
CROSS SECTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for a three month extension of time to reply to the Office Action of August 28, 2002. A fee of \$930.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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